

As an Amateur Extra class amateur radio operator, I have nothing personal to gain by the purpose of this petition, but I do say that I AGREE with the contents. I feel, especially, that Novice class operators have more than fulfilled the requirements of the Tech class, and former Tech Plus class, amateur radio licenses.

Specifically, I feel that it is absurd that Novices, regardless of how long they have been licensed, do not have access to the 2 meter band that every other license class can operate on. There are alot of places, including the area that I live in, where the only repeaters available are 2 meter repeaters. We have many Novice class operators here, and if we would find ourselves in the middle of a natural, or unnatural, disaster, they would not be able to participate in helping with emergency communications. In the wake of the 9/11/2001 attacks on the United States, the high probability of future attacks, and the numerous natural disasters that hit our nation every single year, it is imperative that we carry out the requests written out in this petition.

Thank you very much,
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